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Dear Dr. Piore:

Thank you for your letter of 20 April, in which you offer to present a proposal for the establishment of an Automatic Translation Facility.

We have since 1952 urged the development of a machine translation capability, particularly for translating scientific Russian to English. Since 1956, we have provided financial support for the work done in this field at the School of Languages and Linguistics of Georgetown University.

We believe that the progress made to date by Georgetown University and others working on various aspects of this difficult problem is sufficiently encouraging to justify a large scale operational feasibility test.

It is therefore most timely to explore prospects for consolidation of programs, and we are pleased to learn of Air Force interest in initiating a national Automatic Translation Facility.

Since it would be helpful to us to review your proposal at an early date, Mr. Amory has been in touch with [redacted] and a meeting has now been arranged for May 5.

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Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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